(ii) If EIA test for antigen gave a positive result, one can postively conclude that the product has AIDS virus. However the reverse is not true because a very low quantity of the virus in the products as a result of dilution may sometime remain undetected through testing.

(iii) In USA & Europe, testing of blood used for manufacturing of blood products, has been of high order. In case of M/s. Bharat Serum & Vaccine Pvt. Ltd. and some other local manufacturers, attempts were made to locate and tetest the blood donors whose blood was used for manufacturing anti-D Immunoglobulin. The blood of many such donors has been found to be positive for HIV anti-bodies.

Considering the various aspects of the matter the Experts meeting on 6-3-1989 came to the conclusion that, as a matter of abundant caution and considering that each blood was not specifically tested for HIV anti-bodies and many donors are found sero positive now, the products, which have been withheld from distribution should be destroyed.

Contract to U.K. firm for making Howitzer Turrets

2227. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given contract to U.K. firm for making howitzer turrets which in turn contracting an indigenous firm for the purpose; and

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of the contract with the U.K. firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pay scales of assistants

2228. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:

SHRI DHARAM PAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the recognised Unions|Organisations of the Central Government Employees who have submitted Memoranda|Representation to Government for the revision of Pay Scales of Assistants from 1400-40-1600-50-2300-EB-60-2600 to Rs. 1640-60-2600-EB 75-2900 during the last two years;

(a) what action Government have taken on their demand;

(c) whether this issue has been referred by Government to any other authority/agency;

(d) if so, what ae the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received any recommendation to this effect from the above mentioned authority|agency; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Representations were received from the Central Secretariat Service Direct Recruit Assistants' Association, the Federation of Central Secretarial and Allied Offices Employees and the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service Association.

(b) The Government having already accepted the Fourth Pay Commission recommendation of replacement scale of Rs. 1400-2600 for Assistants, did not considered the demand of Association justified.

(c) to (f) The Staff Side have sought to raise the issue before the Anomalies